

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

**COPY:** EPSB Education Partners  
EPSB Staff

**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

**DATE:** March 1, 2008

**SUBJECT:** March 2008 EPSB Update

### **Mission Statement**

*The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.*

### **Worth Remembering**

“A good teacher has a love of teaching. A great teacher has a love of learning.”

--- Todd Whitaker

### **Kentucky Teacher article regarding online programs**

The April edition of *Kentucky Teacher*, published by KDE, will feature an article outlining for all educators the change in EPSB’s recognition of online, out-of-state programs for certification or rank change purposes. This change in [16 KAR 5:010](#), passed by the Board last fall as part of the master’s redesign changes, went into effect on February 1, 2008. The article is designed to inform teachers of this change and of their responsibility to ensure that any online programs in which they enroll meet the EPSB’s criteria. The change in policy resulted from the Board’s decision to use NCATE accreditation for acceptance of online, out-of-state programs.

### **Achieve Report: Kentucky Making Considerable Progress**

*From the Achieve website:* “On the anniversary of the 2005 National Education Summit on High Schools, Achieve releases its third annual 50-state progress report on the alignment of high school policies with the demands of college and careers: [Closing the Expectations Gap, 2008](#). This year, Achieve reports that while more than a third of states have raised high school standards and graduation requirements, there is more work to be done to ensure that all students graduate ready for college and careers. The report details state progress implementing the American Diploma Project policy agenda that advocates for the alignment of standards, graduation requirements, assessments, data systems and accountability with the expectations of college faculty and employers. (February 2008)” ([www.achieve.org](http://www.achieve.org))

### **2008 Celebration on the Hill for the Kentucky NBPTS Class of 2007**

EPSB staff members have been working with the legislature to host a recognition ceremony on March 4 for the 251 new National Board Certified Teachers. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a reception at the Governor's Mansion hosted by the EPSB, KASA, KASS, KEA, KANBCT, and Western Kentucky University.

Following the reception, Secretary Helen Mountjoy and Commissioner Jon Draud will address the new group of NBCTs at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. The Governor is invited and will make every attempt to join the celebration for the signing of the proclamation declaring March 4 as NBCT Day in Kentucky.

At the close of the ceremony, the teachers will receive citations on the floors of both the House and the Senate.

### **Dr. James Cibulka Elected to AACTE Board**

Our EPSB Chair, Jim Cibulka, has been elected to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Board of Directors. Jim will serve a three-year term.

### **Ethics Seminars**

Ethics seminar presentations will be presented by staff from the Division of Legal Services at Campbellsville College on March 4 and Centre College on March 5.

### **New EPSB Meeting Brief**

Beginning in March, I will be notifying our education partners within a few days of all regular EPSB meetings of actions taken by the board. Currently our partners must either attend the meeting or wait for the meeting minutes to know of actions taken by the board. This notification will be via email and will provide hyperlinks to staff notes in the previous meeting's agenda.

### **Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Consortium**

Staff of the Division of Professional Learning and Assessment will represent EPSB on March 6th at the Institution of Higher Education Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Consortium. Staff will present information on the development of the IECE Intern Performance Record and the IECE test. The staff has been working closely with both the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and Kentucky teachers on this project.

### **Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference**

EPSB staff will provide program information to educators at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference on March 6th and 7th. Past participation has shown this event to be a good venue for communicating with a large group of Kentucky educators.

### **New York Times Town Hall Meeting**

Three EPSB staff members will attend the Kentucky Department of Education's statewide *New York Times* Town Hall meeting on Linking Leadership to Learning on March 6th. There have been eight regional meetings leading up to this statewide meeting. Panel members will share their perspectives on the importance of linking leadership and learning and the importance of principal preparation redesign. Participants will have a chance to ask questions of the panel members that include Gene Wilhoit, CCSSO; Gene Bottoms, SREB; Art Wise, NCATE; David Adkisson, KY

Chamber of Commerce; Frank Rasche and Ken Winters, KY General Assembly, and our own Loraine Williams, principal and vice-chair of the EPSB.

### **CEO Task Force**

The CEO Task Force is scheduled to meet again on March 10th. The last meeting was on February 19th when the Task Force began the discussion on what the components of the program should be.

### **Bowling for Kids Sake**

EPSB staff members are gearing up and securing sponsors for the 2008 Bowl for Kids' Sake to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Bluegrass. EPSB teams will bowl on Wednesday, March 5 during their lunch hour and enjoy complimentary pizza and sandwiches from area businesses. The teams are ready to go, and EPSB staff members are looking forward to once again supporting the Big Brothers and Big Sisters by Bowling for Kids.

Our goal is to raise more than the \$1,200 we raised last year to help make a difference in the lives of many Kentucky children. Many at EPSB have offered to support those of us who bowl by being there in spirit with financial support and cheers...or laughter... from the galleries.

### **2008 March of Dimes- Walk for Babies**

EPSB will again begin working to raise funds for the March of Dimes during the months of March and April. Emails will be coming soon to let Board members know how they can support the staff in making a difference in the world through volunteerism.

### **Farewell to Carla Graham**

All of us would like to wish Carla Graham much success in her new position with Fayette County Public Schools. As the administrative specialist for the Division of Legal Services, Carla demonstrated an excellent work ethic, and her gracious disposition made working with her a pleasure. We will miss her.

### **Meetings, Conferences, Etc.**

March 4 – House Education Committee meeting  
March 4 – SE/SC cooperative meeting  
March 4 – NBPTS Recognition Day at the Capitol  
March 4 – Last day for new bills in the House  
March 5 – GRREC meeting  
March 6 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
March 6 – New York Times' Town Hall Meeting report  
March 6 – Last day for new bills to be introduced in the Senate  
March 6/7 – Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference  
March 11 – House Education Committee meeting  
March 11 – EPSB Leadership meeting  
March 12 – State P-16 Council meeting  
March 12 – NKCES meeting  
March 12 – Task Force on Math Preparation of Elementary Teachers  
March 13 – Senate Education Committee meeting

March 14 – Math Achievement Committee  
March 17 – Regular EPSB meeting  
March 18 – House Education Committee meeting  
March 19 – KEDC meeting  
March 20 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
March 20 – ELDC meeting  
March 21 – Good Friday, EPSB offices closed half day  
March 24 – EPSB Reading Committee  
March 25 – House Education Committee meeting  
March 25 – EPSB Leadership meeting  
March 26 – OVEC meeting  
March 26 – KEDC meeting  
March 27 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
March 27 – Accreditation Audit Committee  
March 29/April 2 – Accreditation visit at Alice Lloyd College

**FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:**

*CEO – Continuing Education Option*  
*CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education*  
*ELDC – Education Leadership Development Collaborative*  
*IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education*  
*IPR – Intern Performance Record*  
*KACI – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships*  
*KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators*  
*KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators*  
*KBE – Kentucky Board of Education*  
*KECC – Kentucky Employee Chartable Campaign*  
*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*  
*KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program*  
*KTIP – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program*  
*LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data*  
*NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification*  
*NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*  
*NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America's Future*  
*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*  
*SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project*  
*SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative*  
*TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments*  
*VAA – Value-Added Assessment*  
*WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative*